

Chapter 4

Parliamentary Rules Governing Interim Committees

Part 1

Parliamentary Authority and General Parliamentary Requirements

IR3-4-101 Motions to be stated before debate -- Dividing a motion -- Withdrawing a motion.

- (1) When a motion is made, it shall be stated by the chair before debate.
- (2) When a motion is stated by the chair, it is in the possession of the committee.
- (3)
 - (a) If a motion contains several points, a committee member may request that the motion be divided and that each part be voted upon separately.
 - (b) To be in order, the request to divide must clearly state how the question is to be divided.
 - (c) Except as provided in Subsections (3)(d) and (e), if the request is in order, the chair must divide the motion and take a separate vote on each part of the divided motion.
 - (d)
 - (i) Except as provided in Subsections (3)(d)(ii) and (iii), a motion to strike out and insert, or to delete and insert, is not subject to division.
 - (ii) If the committee rejects a motion to strike out and insert one proposition, a motion to strike out and insert a different proposition is in order.
 - (iii) If the committee rejects a motion to delete and insert one proposition, a motion to delete and insert a different proposition is in order.
 - (e)
 - (i) The presiding officer shall determine how many divisions may be made to any question.
 - (ii) The committee may seek to overrule this decision only once.
- (4)
 - (a) A motion may be withdrawn at any time by the sponsor before it is divided or amended.
 - (b) After a motion has been divided or amended, it may be withdrawn by the sponsor only if the withdrawal of the motion is approved by a majority of the committee members present.

IR3-4-102 Motions in order during debate.

While a question is being debated, the chair may not accept any other motion except a motion:

- (1) to fix the time at which to adjourn;
- (2) to adjourn;
- (3) to hold;
- (4) to postpone to a time certain;
- (5) to amend or substitute; or
- (6) to call for the previous question.

IR3-4-103 Motions to be decided without debate.

- (1) The chair may not allow debate on a motion to adjourn, a motion to recess, a motion to end debate, or an appeal of the decision of the chair on a point of order.
- (2) The chair shall decide, without allowing debate, each point of order raised after a motion to adjourn, a motion to recess, or a motion to end debate is made.

IR3-4-104 Substitute motions.

- (1) A substitute motion, or any part of the substitute motion, if adopted by a majority of the committee members present, disposes of the original motion.
- (2) The chair may not accept a substitute motion to a substitute motion.

IR3-4-105 Which motions may be amended (Masons Sec. 396).

Each original main motion may be amended, and all other motions may be amended, except the following motions:

- (1) to adjourn;
- (2) to appeal the decision of the chair;
- (3) to raise a point of order;
- (4) to divide another motion;
- (5) to table;
- (6) to remove from the table;
- (7) to call the previous question;
- (8) to amend an amendment;
- (9) to move to the next item on the agenda;
- (10) to call for division; or
- (11) to reconsider.

Part 2

General Rules Governing Motions

IR3-4-201 Motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn is in order except:

- (1) when the committee is in the process of voting;
- (2) when a previous motion to adjourn has been defeated and there has been no intervening business; or
- (3) when another member of the committee has the floor.

IR3-4-202 Motion to end debate.

A motion to end debate passes only if it is approved by a two-thirds vote of the committee members present.